

WHAT HAPPENED AT COUNCIL—14 JUNE 2007

The following report relates to Council's most recent meeting which was held on 14 June, 2007. Agendas and minutes of Council meetings are available to staff on The Guide at http://www.deakin.edu.au/council/agenda_minute/main.php

APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Following the resignation of Professor Shirley Grundy, Council resolved that Professor Chris Bigum be appointed as the Interim Dean of the Faculty of Education from 14 July 2007 until such time as a new Dean is appointed or the Faculty is merged with the Faculty of Arts.

LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE FACULTY OF ARTS

Council noted the following arrangements regarding leadership responsibilities in the Faculty of Arts:

- Professor Joan Beaumont, Dean of the Faculty of Arts would be taking three months' Outside Studies Program leave from August to October 2007 (inclusive)
- Professor Gary Smith would act in place of the Dean during this time, assuming the title Acting Dean
- As Professor Gary Smith was currently the Head of the School of International and Political Studies he would relinquish this role during this period so that he could fulfil the responsibilities of the position of Acting Dean
- Professor Geoff Stokes would be appointed as Acting Head of the School of International and Political Studies during this period.

PROVISIONAL FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS, 2008

Council considered provisional financial allocations for 2008, including for the operating budget, for capital expenditure and a proposed target for an operating surplus for 2008. The financial allocations, once approved, will form the parameters within which the University's 2008 budget will be established.

Council agreed that the proposed financial allocations should be revised having regard to the recent Federal Budget announcements and comments made by Council members and recommended to the August 2007 Council meeting for approval.

DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN, 2008

Council considered a preliminary draft of the University's 2008 Operational Plan and provided comment to guide its further development. The draft Plan will be revised in the light of comments received and recommended to the November 2007 meeting of Council for approval in conjunction with the 2008 University budget and the capital expenditure program.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BIOCON

Council received a presentation from the Vice-Chancellor regarding the establishment of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the University and Biocon Ltd, one of the world's largest biotechnology companies. The MOU provides that:

- Deakin and Biocon will collaborate on the establishment of a Deakin Research Institute in India
- Deakin and Biocon will collaborate on the establishment of a joint mammalian cell bio-processing facility at the Geelong Campus at Waurin Ponds
- Deakin, through its Metabolic Research Unit, will undertake research on metabolic diseases on behalf of Biocon
- Deakin's expertise in wine production will be utilised in India.

The next meeting of Council will be held on 9 August, 2007.

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